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PRICE OF GOLD
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of gold is rapidly increasing day-by-day;

(b) if so, the details thereof for each of the last three years and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide gold at lower prices for the financially weaker sections and women;and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to control the price of gold?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (d): The rise in gold prices in India in the recent period largely reflects the increase in prices abroad. During the recent months, gold prices firmed up on the back of continuing dollar weakness, seasonal demand and institutional buying. Gold prices have been touching new highs and reached the level of USD 1218.25/ounce on December 03, 2009 (London Morning Gold Fixing). The movements in the domestic price of gold in India are broadly in tandem with similar movements in international markets.

The details of the gold prices for the last three years (financial year end position) at Mumbai are as under:

Year	Gold Price (Rs./ 10 gms.) at Mumbai
March 2007	9400.00
March 2008	12125.00
March 2009	15105.00

Source: Reserve Bank of India

There is no proposal to provide gold at lower prices to the financially weaker sections and women.